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MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: 03/05/2020 Case: SO2011080 **Contact Person**

Captain Mark Thompson 608-757-7944

On 03/04/2020 the Rock County Sheriff's Office received a complaint of suspicious activity. The reporting person indicated they had received a voicemail from a subject identifying themselves as a Rock County Sherriff's Office Detective needing a return phone call. The voicemail was muffled and difficult to understand but came from a 608 area code. After gaining information from the reporting party, our Deputy attempted phone contact with the suspected Detective. Our Deputy was met with an automated phone tree identifying itself as the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Our Deputy selected one of the options as was connected with an unknown subject identifying themselves as "Detective Scott" but was difficult to hear. This subject had a very heavy accent. Our Deputy tried to speak with this "Detective" but they hung up.

As of 03/05/2020 the original phone number has been disconnected and it appears it was an internet phone line not from the area. If anyone receives a suspicious phone call of this nature do not give out any personal information and report it to the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 608-757-2244. Also, if you need to verify the person who is calling you is in fact an employee of the Rock County Sheriff's Office please call the same number for non-emergency calls at 608-757-2244 and their identity will be verified.

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